

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 6, 2001 – 10:00 a.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Ann Evans, Senate Chair
Rep. Carl R. Saunders, House Chair
Sen. Millie M. Peterson
Sen. Pete Suazo
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Jack A. Seitz
Rep. Gordon E. Snow
Rep. Max W. Young

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Research Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General
Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Markham, Legislative
Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Committee Business

- Presentation of Proposed Hunting, Fishing or Trapping Agreements Between State and One of More Tribes

Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel, provided background concerning Utah Code Ann. Section 23-13-12.5, "Agreement with tribe," governing proposed hunting, fishing or trapping agreements between the state and one or more tribes and the role of the committee under that section. She distributed a copy of that section to committee members.

Mr. Martin Bushman, Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Division of Wildlife Resources, discussed with the committee draft negotiated agreements with certain tribes. He distributed the following to the committee: "Navajo Nation Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Agreement," "Cooperative Agreement between The Navajo Nation and the State of Utah Regarding Off-Reservation Hunting and Fishing," "Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Agreement," and "Cooperative Agreement between the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation and the State of Utah Regarding Off-Reservation Hunting, Fishing and Trapping."

Committee discussion followed.

3. Committee Overview and Background

Ms. Owen presented an overview of American Indians in Utah and distributed a copy of her presentation, "American Indian Citizens of Utah, A Brief Overview" with attachments to committee members.

Mr. John Cannon, Research Analyst, discussed the committee's background, issues addressed, and legislation passed. He distributed "Native American Legislative Liaison Committee - A Brief Overview," to committee members.

Committee discussion followed.

4. Economic Development Study as Required by S.B. 198

Ms. Dianne Nielsen, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, reviewed the handouts, "S.B. 198 High-Level Nuclear Waste Prevention Study," and the "May 11, 2001, letter to Tribal Leaders from Governor Leavitt," inviting the tribes to select a representative to serve on the committee to review tribal needs and requirements for economic development.

Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Forrest Cuch, Director, Division of Indian Affairs, gave a report regarding current activities of the Division of Indian Affairs and other issues. As part of that report he discussed the "Native American Legislative Liaison Committee Progress Report," that he distributed to committee members. He also distributed the following to committee members: "June 4 letter to Rep. Carl R. Saunders from Cliff Tohsonii," "Resolution of the Teec Nos Pos Chapter," "Letter to Rural Economic and Community Development from Governor Leavitt," "Memo to the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee dated May 30, 2001 from Forrest S. Cuch," "Utah Division of Indian Affairs Priority Initiatives for 2002," and "Utah Indian Tribal Leaders."

Committee discussion followed.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.